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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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STORAGE SYSTEM, AND
COMMUNICATION CONTROL
METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.